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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF VAN CLIBURN PIANO COMPETITION EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEMBER TO USSR

1. AMBASSADOR ROBERT DEAN, DIPLOMAT IN RESIDENCE AT TEX-
AS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF PLANNED
TRAVEL TO MOSCOW BY UNIVERSITY'S CHANCELLOR, DR. JAMES
MOUDY, MRS. MOUDY AND SIX OTHERS. PARTY ARRIVES MORNING
OF JULY 3 BY TRAIN FROM LENINGRAD FOR FEW DAYS STAY IN
MOSCOW.
2. DR. MOUDY IS MEMBER OF VAN CLIBURN PIANO COMPETITION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. PARTY HOPES TO ATTEND TCHAIKOVSKY
COMPETITION EVENTS NIGHTS OF JULY 3, 4, OR 5, BUT DOES NOT
HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS FOR TICKETS. IN RESPONSE TO
QUESRY DEPTOFF SAID HE DOUBTED EMBASSY OR DEPARTMENT COULD
EXERT MUCH INFLUENCE ON SOVIETS AND SUGGESTED THAT APPROACH-
ES THROUGH ANY LOCAL CITIZENS WHO MIGHT HAVE CONTACTS
WITH SOVIET EMBASSY HERE OR WITH MINCULT WOULD BE MORE EFF-
ECTIVE. IN ANY CASE, HE ADDED, IF PARTY TRAVELS WITHOUT
ADVANCE CONFIRMATION, MEMBERS SHOULD BE MENTALLY PREPARED
FOR DISAPPOINTMENT.
3. CHANCELLOR PLANS TO CALL PAO OR CAO AFTER ARRIVAL JUST
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TO ESTABLISH CONTACT AND MAY EXCHANGE VIEWS ON VAN CLIBURN
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